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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CYPRIOT HOUSE

1. SPYROS KYPRIANOU, LEADER OF THE MAJORITY DEMOCRATIC FRONT, WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CYPRIOT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SEPT 20. AS WELL AS HAVING LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, HOUSE PRESIDENT IS ACTING PRESIDENT IN MAKARIOS' ABSENCE FROM ISLAND AND IS THEREFORE GOC'S SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL.

2. ELECTION WAS ONLY SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS AT LARGELY CEREMONIAL OPENING OF NEW HOUSE ELECTED SEPT 5. IN INAUGURAL ADDRESS EXTENSIVELY REPORTED ON RADIO AND TV AND IN THE PRESS, KYPRIANOU
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ALLUDED TO FEARS VOICED IN SOME CIRCLES THAT HIS PARTY WAS

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BEHOLDEN TO COMMUNIST AKEL AND LEFTIST EDEK BECAUSE OF THEIR ELECTORAL SUPPORT, NOTING THAT THE (DEMOCRATIC FRONT-CONTROLLED) HOUSE WAS NOT "THE TOOL OF ANYBODY." HE INDICATED THAT SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS CLOSELY TIED TO THE WEST AND THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. KYPRIANOU EMPHASIZED THAT THOSE CYPRIOTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN 1974 COUP BUT NOW REPENTED WOULD BE ACCEPTED BACK INTO NATIONAL LIFE BUT THOSE WHO CONTINUED TO UNDERMINE STATE AND SOCIETY WOULD SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR EFFORTS.

2. COMMENT: KYPRIANOU'S INAUGURAL IS TRANSPARENT ATTEMPT TO (1) CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE AND DEMOCRATIC FRONT (DF) ARE NOT BEHOLDEN TO HIS ERSTWHILE ELECTION COLLEAGUES IN AKEL AND EDEK ALTHOUGH DF DEPENDED TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT ON COMMUNIST AND SOCIALS VOTES; (2) ALLAY WESTERN FEARS OF AN INCREASE IN COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN CYPRUS; AND (3) SIMULTANEOUSLY TO WOO CYPRIOT RIGHT IN BID FOR NATIONAL UNITY.
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